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**BridgeValley Community and Technical College to Host First
Virtual Community College of Appalachia's Conference in Fall
2020**

(South Charleston, W. VA) - This fall, BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BridgeValley) will host the first ever virtual conference at Community College of Appalachia (CCA) titled "Pivoting! Serving in the New Reality," on November 4-5, 2020. CCA conferences provide the opportunity for member colleges to network and exchange best practices.

"CCA is very enthusiastic about the virtual fall conference being hosted by BridgeValley," said Anne McNutt, Ph.D., executive director, Community Colleges of Appalachia. "This will be CCA's first virtual conference and the sessions will enable member colleges to share how they have pivoted to serve their constituents during the COVID-19 pandemic. I expect the conference will provide an excellent means for colleges to learn about one another's best practices in this trying period."

The focus of the Fall Virtual Conference is resiliency of community colleges, their commitment to students and communities, and their adaptability and creativity as they continue to serve their students and communities during these unpredictable times. Proposals including how colleges are pivoting resources, budgets, and initiatives due to COVID-19 in order to serve students and plan for the unknown are currently being accepted. By sharing successful and entrepreneurial approaches to all things related to higher education in this new normal, colleges have the opportunity to gain wisdom and share struggles and successes to continue to serve their students effectively.

Additional conference highlights will include presentations about the CCA 2020 Award Winning Programs, "Trek to Success" at North Georgia Technical College, "Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries Program" at Cleveland State Community College, and "Advanced Robotics Training Center" Motlow State Community College.

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About The Community Colleges of Appalachia (CCA)

The Community Colleges of Appalachia is a voluntary association of public community colleges serving the common interests of member colleges and their communities through programs and services responsive to the unique cultural, geographic, and economic challenges facing the region.

About BridgeValley Community and Technical College

BridgeValley Community and Technical College promotes student success, prepares a skilled workforce, and builds tomorrow's leaders by providing access to quality higher education. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be the college of opportunity for a diverse learner population, offering leading-edge technology, innovative ideas, and dynamic service to our students and our communities. BridgeValley Community and Technical College serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the new Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley Community and Technical College is a public institution of higher education independently accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges and a member of the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia.

For more information about BridgeValley Community and Technical College financial aid opportunities, programs of study, workforce training and community education and events, call (304) 205-6600 or; or check the College's website:

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